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Nebraska American Legion Auxiliary provides free gifts for patients at Omaha VA Medical Center

OMAHA, Neb. — Veterans who are inpatients at the Department of Veterans Affairs medical center in Omaha don't need to worry about having time to buy a holiday gift for a family member. Veterans have a shop at the medical center where they can select a free gift and have it wrapped.

The Nebraska American Legion Auxiliary opens its holiday gift shop for Veterans Monday at the Omaha VA Medical Center. The shop is open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. through Dec. 5 in room 5419.

Veterans who are inpatients, or who are undergoing long-term treatment such as dialysis at the medical center can select a free gift from a vast selection of items the auxiliary purchased.

For inpatients who cannot get to the gift shop room in the medical center, the auxiliary takes a mobile cart with a selection of gifts to the patient's room.

The gift shop has been hosted at the medical center for decades.

The VA Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System's mission is to honor America's Veterans by providing exceptional health care that improves their health and well-being. VA NWIHCS employees serve more than 161,000 Veterans in Nebraska, western Iowa and portions of Kansas and Missouri. The system includes a tertiary medical center in Omaha and a Community Living Center in Grand Island, Neb. Community-based outpatient clinics are located in Lincoln, Grand Island, North Platte, Norfolk, and Bellevue, Neb., and Shenandoah, Iowa; and a contract outreach clinic in O'Neill, Neb. For more information, visit www.nebraska.va.gov.

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